

AGENDA ITEM IV A 1

PROPOSED CURRICULAR AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVISIONS

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

Request to Terminate the Associate of General Studies Program

STAFF COMMENT

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette requests the termination of its Associate of General Studies program. The rationale for this request is twofold:

1. The University, consistent with previous recommendations expressed by both the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, has determined that the offering of all associate-level programs on its campus should be reconsidered in light of the University's evolving role, scope, and mission.
2. South Louisiana Community College now offers an Associate program in General Studies. As SLCC is proximate to ULL and also serves the same population of students which are routinely attracted to this program, the University has determined that there is little justification for duplication.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The staff concurs with ULL's request and commends the University for its self-review.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee grant approval for the request from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to terminate its Associate of General Studies program (CIP Code 24.0102), effective the end of Spring semester, 2001.

AGENDA ITEM IV A 2

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Status of Other Associate Programs

STAFF COMMENT

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette also requests the termination of other associate programs currently offered on its campus, as follows:

A.S. in Criminal Justice - End of Spring semester, 2001

A.S. in Industrial Technology - End of Spring semester, 2001

A.S. in Emergency Health Science - Immediately

The University advances the same rationale as provided in the previous agenda item regarding the appropriateness of role, scope, and mission. However, the staff notes that, unlike the former case, South Louisiana Community College has not yet proposed the establishment of similar degree programs in Criminal Justice, Industrial Technology, or Emergency Health Science. Yet, both ULL and SLCC agree that these programs or similar training opportunities are needed in the Greater Lafayette area.

The staff held telephone conversations with both Dr. Jerry Pinsel, Interim Vice President for Instruction and Learning at the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, and Dr. Steve Landry, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at ULL, to further discuss this situation. Dr. Pinsel indicated that SLCC plans to propose replacement programs as soon as possible, depending on available funding. Dr. Landry indicated that while ULL is eager to divest itself of these degrees as soon as possible, only one program, the A.S. in Emergency Health Science, imposes an immediate barrier to the University's ongoing master-planning process. Both Drs. Pinsel and Landry suggest that the need for Emergency Health Science training in Lafayette might be addressed by a Certificate program currently offered by the Louisiana Technical College-Lafayette. However, neither was able to assure the staff that such training would adequately address perceived needs. Both have agreed to investigate further state licensure requirements and needs of local area employers for appropriately trained personnel before recommending whether LTC-Lafayette's program can assume this responsibility.

STAFF ANALYSIS

It should be noted the staff fully supports ULL's intent to divest itself of inappropriate associate-level degree offerings. At this juncture, however, the staff believes that it would be precipitous for the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to act on ULL's request for termination of remaining associate programs at the University until replacement programs are in place at SLCC or another proximate institution. In particular, Drs. Landry and Pinsel have agreed to quickly provide relevant information which would help resolve the current conundrum regarding the appropriateness of LTC-Lafayette's Certificate program to serve local needs for trained Emergency Health Science personnel. Dr. Pinsel has also agreed to work closely with SLCC to develop proposals for other needed substitute degree programs as soon as possible.